

## Northern Kansas Counties Receive Disaster Designation

*State, City Eligible for Assistance*

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that **Ellis, Graham, Jewell, Mitchell, Osborne, Phillips, Russell, Rush, Smith**

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Counties have qualified for a Presidential disaster declaration due to the severe storms that occurred in the area on June 12, 2004.

The declaration qualifies state and local municipalities to receive federal funds to repair or replace disaster-damaged public facilities.

“With nearly 10 inches of rain, high winds, tornados, hail and flooding, the storms that ripped through Kansas caused significant damage,” Moran said. “Fortunately, this declaration means that some assistance is on the way for Kansans in the area.”

In addition to the immediate assistance that will be provided to these effected counties, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has also announced that these counties will

be eligible to apply for the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The program provides assistance to state and local governments for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural or technological hazards.

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